

CHAPTER NO. 375

SENATE BILL NO. 812

By Harper

Substituted for: House Bill No. 1095

By West

AN ACT To amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 13, relative to weapons.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1301(3), is amended by designating the existing language as subdivision (A), renumbering the existing subdivisions accordingly, and adding a new subdivision thereto, as follows:

(B) "Explosive weapon" also means:

(i) Any breakable container which contains a flammable liquid with a flashpoint of one hundred fifty degrees (150°) Fahrenheit or less and has a wick or similar device capable of being ignited, other than a device which is commercially manufactured primarily for purposes of illumination; or

(ii) Any sealed device containing dry ice or other chemically reactive substances for the purposes of causing an explosion by a chemical reaction.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1301, is amended by inserting the following language as a new, appropriately numbered subsection:

() "Hoax device" means any device that reasonably appears to be or is purported to be an explosive or incendiary device and is intended to cause alarm or reaction of any type by an official of a public safety agency or a volunteer agency organized to deal with emergencies;

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1302(a), is amended by adding the following as new subdivision (6) and by renumbering the existing subdivision (6) and subsequent subdivision accordingly:

(6) Hoax device;

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1302(d)(2), is amended by deleting the subdivision in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(2) An offense under subdivisions (a)(6)-(8) is a Class A misdemeanor.

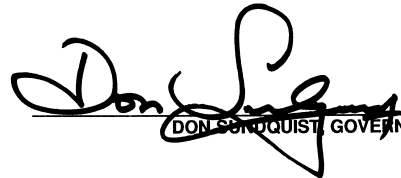
SECTION 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: June 4, 2001


JOHN S. WILDER
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE


JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 12th day of June 2001


DON SUNDQUIST, GOVERNOR